

IN THE CLAIMS

Below are the claims pending in the application, including current amendments as indicated:

1-61 (Cancelled)

62. (Previously presented) A security device for use inside an automatic teller machine, the security device being capable of communicating with a security system of a transportation means used to deliver a cash cassette to the automatic teller machine, said security device comprising a coupling device for engaging with the cash cassette delivered to the automatic teller machine, spoiling means for spoiling the contents of the cash cassette and a controller, in which a monitor is provided to signal when the cash cassette has correctly coupled to the security device and that a delivery path for delivering the spoiling means has not been tampered with, the security device communicating with the security system of the transportation means used to deliver the cash cassette to the automatic teller machine and inhibiting the transportation means from releasing the cash cassette if the delivery path has been tampered with.

63. (Previously presented) The security device as claimed in claim 62, in which the controller is arranged to establish communication with the automatic teller machine so that an attack on the automatic teller machine can be signaled to the security device in order that the spoiling means can be operated to spoil the contents of the cash cassette.

64. (Original) The security device as claimed in claim 62, in which the security device is arranged to signal to the automatic teller machine when it has correctly coupled with the cash cassette and has taken over responsibility for protecting the contents of the cassette.

65 (Original) The security device as claimed in claim 62, in which the spoiling means comprises a reservoir of ink which can be ejected under pressure via a fluid flow coupling into the cash cassette to degrade the contents thereof.

66. (Original) The security device as claimed in claim 65, in which the reservoir and the controller are contained within an enclosure containing penetration detection means.

67. (Original) The security device as claimed in claim 66, in which the penetration detection means comprises at least one conductor arranged to traverse an element that is to be monitored for penetration, such that penetration of the element causes damage to the at least one conductor thereby altering its electrical properties.

68-122 (Cancelled)

123. (Currently Amended) A ~~first~~ cash transit container security system, comprising spoiling means for spoiling the contents of a ~~container~~ cash cassette temporarily connected to the ~~first~~ cash transit container security system in the event of an attack on the ~~container~~ cash cassette wherein ~~the container is a portable container and the first~~ cash transit container security system further comprises locking means for locking the ~~first~~ cash transit container security system onto the ~~portable container~~ cash cassette to be protected during transportation, control means for controlling the operation of the locking means and the spoiling means, and communication means for exchanging data with a ~~second~~ an automated teller machine security system such that the ~~first~~ cash transit container security system can validate with the ~~second~~ automatic teller machine security system that either one of the ~~first or second~~ cash transit container security systems or automatic teller machine security system is protecting the ~~container~~ cash cassette before the other one of the ~~first and second of the~~ cash transit container security systems or automatic teller machine security system relinquishes responsibility for protecting the ~~container~~ cash cassette.

124. (Currently Amended) The ~~first~~ cash transit container security system as claimed in claim 123, further including the capability to communicate with a vehicle for delivering the ~~container~~ cash cassette, the vehicle including a controller which controls the release of the ~~container~~ cash cassette from the vehicle and which exchanges data with the control means.

125. (Currently Amended) The ~~first~~ cash transit container security system as claimed in claim 123, further including means for communicating with the security system of a vehicle used for delivering the ~~container~~ cash cassette, the vehicle including a second controller which controls the release of the ~~container~~ cash cassette from the vehicle, and wherein the ~~first~~ cash transit container security system negotiates with the second controller to control the release of ~~container~~ cash cassette from the vehicle.

126. (Currently Amended) The ~~first~~ cash transit container security system as claimed in claim 124, characterized in that the locking means locks around one of an opening of the ~~container~~ cash cassette or an adapter mounted on the ~~container~~ cash cassette.

127. (Cancelled)

128. (Currently Amended) The ~~first~~ cash transit container as claimed in claim 123, characterized by a first module containing the control means and a second module containing the locking means, and in which the spoiling means is contained within one of the first and second modules.

129. (Cancelled)

130. (Currently Amended) The ~~first~~ cash transit container security system as claimed in claim 123 characterized in that the security system is programmed with the identity of one or more ~~containers~~ cash cassettes and each automatic teller machine which is scheduled for a cash delivery within a predetermined time period.

131. (Currently Amended) The ~~first~~ cash transit container security system as claimed in claim 123, wherein the control means is arranged to measure at least one of walk time, distance traveled, and absolute time since release of the ~~container~~ cash cassette from the ~~second~~ automatic teller machine security system and to ~~active~~ activate the spoiling ~~mechanism~~ means if any of these exceeds a preset threshold.

132. (Currently Amended) The ~~first~~ cash transit container security system as claimed in claim 123, characterized in that the control means is arranged to communicate with an automatic teller machine to validate identities and to exchange data concerning the value and/or denomination of money being transferred to or from the cash transit container security system and the automatic teller machine.

133. (Cancelled)

134 (Currently Amended) The ~~first~~ cash transit container security system as claimed in claim 123, wherein that the control means is arranged to pass encryption or decryption keys to an automatic teller machine.

135 (Cancelled)

136. (Currently Amended) The ~~first~~ cash transit container security system as claimed in claim 123, characterized in that the spoiling means includes at least one dye reservoir for delivering dye, and one of a compressed gas cylinder, a chemical delivery system for generating gas, and explosive delivery system or a mechanical system for causing the dye to be expelled from the at least one reservoir.

137. (Cancelled)